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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

31st December, 1946.

ALLEN, F. W., Wingerworth.
 BALLANCE, F., Beighton.
 BARRS, Alfred Josiah, Heath.
 BENNETT, C., Ridgeway.
 BIRDS, J., Brook Lym, Holymoorside.
 BRIGHTMORE, R., Brimington.
 EVERETT, W., Brimington.
 FELLOWS, W. E., Stonebroom.
 GASCOYNE, P., The Croft, North Wingfield.
 GOODLAD, John, Barlow.
 HALL, C. S., Pilsley.
 HARGREAVES, A., Vernon Rise, Grassmoor.
 HASLAM, T. P., Ashover.
 HOGGARD, W., Stretton.
 HUTCHINSON, W., North Wingfield.
 KAY, H., Eckington.
 LAMB, Thomas, Somerset House, Calow.
 MACDONALD, J. S., Grassmoor.
 MARSHALL, H., Sheffield Road, Killamarsh.
 MIRFIN, W. H., Frecheville.
 MORSE, L. A., School House, Sutton-cum-Duckmanton.
 PATILLA, J. E., Shirland.
 RICHARDS, A. E., Morton.
 RIGGOTT, G. A., Over Newbold, Brampton Ward.
 SALES, Samuel, Tupton.
 SHARMAN, Walter, Unstone.
 SMITH, H. R., Killamarsh.
 SMITH, T., Mosborough.
 SMITH, A., Frecheville.
 SPEED, B. L. H., Holmesfield.
 STATON, James, J.P., C.C., Beighton.
 STIRLING, William, Temple Normanton.
 TURBUTT, Richard Babington (Colonel), J.P., Brackenfield.
 TWIGGER, S. T., Renishaw.
 WHEATCROFT, L., Wessington.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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Chairman, Housing and Property Committee:

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JOHN R. GRAHAM, M.B., Ch.B. (St. And.), D.P.H.
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Chief Sanitary Inspector:

T. W. BINNS, Cert. S.I., Cert. Meat Inspector

Senior District Sanitary Inspector:

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R. H. T. CHAPPELL, Cert. S.I., Meat Inspector

G. N. CORBISHLEY, Cert. S.I., Meat Inspector

G. KEAVENY, Cert. S.I., Meat Inspector

W. WOODWARD, Cert. S.I., Meat Inspector

Chief Clerk:

G. F. WILKS, M.B.E.

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D. FREEMAN

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Miss J. SCARLE

Miss M. THICKETT

Mrs. B. NICOL

Miss M. BUTLER

Mrs. M. BLADEN (Resigned 31st July, 1946)

ANNUAL REPORT.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In presenting the Annual Report for 1946 on the health of the Rural District, while there are no impressive figures to record in the provision of houses, as the figures given under the report on housing will show, there is promise of better things to come.

The mortality statistics show a slight improvement over last year's figures, but the difference is very small and not of any great significance.

There have been no epidemics, but five deaths occurred from diphtheria, three were from the gravis type infection, one from laryngeal diphtheria in an infant with a late diagnosis.

Generally the health of the district has been good, but it would give one greater hopes of improvement if there were signs that food were to become more plentiful and more varied; but the reverse seems to be the case. However, on the credit side is the expansion of the school meals service and this ensures the children of some extra rations.

While there is no direct evidence available to prove a case, I am of the opinion that minor ailments such as common colds and gastric troubles are more frequent, and that the victims take longer to throw off the effects.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN R. GRAHAM,

Medical Officer of Health.

Health Offices,
Rural Council House,
Chesterfield.

Statistics.

Area of District	69,139 acres
Population (Registrar General's Figure)	72,550
Number of inhabited houses	20,078
Rateable Value	£289,651
Estimated product of Penny Rate for year ending 31st March, 1947	£1.072

Live Births:	M.	F.
Total	757	726
Legitimate	722	683
Illegitimate	35	43

Still Births:	M.	F.
Total	25	16
Legitimate	25	15
Illegitimate	—	1

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:	M.	F.
Total	38	24
Legitimate	37	20
Illegitimate	1	4

Deaths, all ages:	M.	F.
Total	422	324

Birth Rate, 20.44 per 1,000 civilian population.

Infantile Mortality Rate:

Total	41.80 per 1,000 live births
Legitimate	40.56 per 1,000 legitimate births
Illegitimate	64.10 per 1,000 illegitimate births
Death Rate per 1,000 living	10.28
Maternal Mortality per 1,000 (live and still).....	1.96
Deaths from Measles, all ages	nil
Whooping Cough, all ages	1
Diarrhœa (under 2 years of age)	2

The birth rate shows an increase of 1.5 per thousand compared with 1945. In actual figures there was an increase of 157 births during the year under review compared to the previous one. The infantile mortality has also shown a drop of 3.44 per thousand, which is gratifying taken in conjunction with the increased birth rate.

Maternal mortality figures also show a drop of 1.65 per thousand births. Deaths from Whooping Cough, Measles and Diarrhœa under two years all show a decrease from the previous year.

The death rate for all ages shows practically no alteration.

Housing.

The housing position at the end of the year, while not satisfactory, is a distinct improvement on the previous year. The Engineer and Surveyor has furnished me with the following figures:—

Number of houses completed at Dec. 31st, 1946:

	220 temporary bungalows
	24 permanent houses
Total	244

Number of houses under construction and in contract:

	10 temporary bungalows
	443 permanent houses
Total	453

Number of houses for which sites have been cleared:

1,750 (approx.)

Prophecy is very dangerous when applied to housing progress, as many unforeseen obstacles tend to impede progress, but it is hoped that in 1947, 200 houses will be completed, and that substantial progress will have been made with those houses for which sites have been cleared.

As everyone will appreciate, the phenomenal weather experienced during the first three months of the year caused a hold up of the actual work. The repercussions, i.e., exaggeration of the coal position, had a bearing in causing shortage of certain essential materials such as cement, which further impeded progress.

In last year's report I drew attention to the position regarding repairs on existing properties.

The regulations concerning the amounts that can be spent without licence have been tightened up and the position is that it is almost necessary to serve a statutory notice under the Public Health Acts to enable owners to get necessary repairs done.

HOUSING

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year 1946:—
 - (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 4,994
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 6,616
 - (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932) 4,605
 - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 4,746
 - (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1,515
 - (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 3,090
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices:—

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers —
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:—
 - (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:—
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs —
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:—
 - (a) By Owners —
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners —
 - (b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:—
 - (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 389
 - (2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:—
 - (a) By Owners 137
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners —

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

- | | |
|---|---|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | — |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Order | — |

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

- | | |
|---|---|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | — |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | — |

4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV—Overcrowding:—

- | | |
|---|-------|
| (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year | 255 |
| (2) Number of persons dwelling therein | 2,113 |
| (3) Number of families dwelling therein | 406 |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year | 255 |
| (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | 29 |
| (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases | 99 |
| (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps to the abatement of overcrowding | — |

5. Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas, 1946

OVERCROWDING

BEDROOM STANDARD

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	1,590
(2) Number of persons dwelling therein	10,244
(3) Number of families dwelling therein	2,424
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	1,590
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	85
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	284
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps to the abatement of overcrowding	—

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES—1946

Parish	Samples taken	Satisfac- tory	Unsatisfac- tory
Ashover	133	12	121
Barlow	31	1	30
Beighton	3	2	1
Brackenfield	21	2	19
Brampton	33	3	30
Calow	21	4	17
Eckington	23	1	22
Heath	12	—	12
Holmesfield	23	18	5
Killamarsh	3	3	—
Morton	4	1	3
Pilsley	9	2	7
Shirland and Higham	19	1	18
Stretton	10	2	8
Sutton-cum-Duckmanton	9	2	7
Tupton	3	1	2
Unstone	4	2	2
Walton	37	5	32
Wessington	21	10	11
Wingerworth	36	2	34
Total	455	74	381

No major works such as extension of mains, etc., have been carried out during the year and supplies were adequate throughout the district. It will be noted that a large number of samples have been taken from private supplies, the major number of which proved to be unsatisfactory. Most of these samples are from the more outlying parts of the district and the question of giving many of these dwellings an adequate supply is a most difficult problem.

NORTH-EAST DERBYSHIRE JOINT WATER COMMITTEE BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF WATER SUPPLIES, 1946

Total Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
361	285	76

PETROLEUM ACTS

There are 117 Petroleum Stores in the district, which have a total storage capacity of 196,694 gallons, and five Calcium of Carbide Stores having a similar storage capacity of 3,038 lbs. The annual income derived from the issue of Licences is £81 5s.

The stores have been visited to ensure that the provisions of the Acts are complied with.

VERMINOUS PREMISES

During the year 119 different premises were treated with D.D.T. solutions and powders for the eradication of vermin infestation, and the results were very satisfactory.

PRIVY CONVERSIONS

Action in respect of privy conversions has been held up by the general difficulties of shortage of materials and labour. During the year the Council increased the grant to owners who convert privies to a maximum of £10, and it is expected that this incentive will be of considerable help towards the removal of these abominations.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

	No. in use at end of
	1946
Water Closets	16,410
Other	4,821
	21,231

CONVERSIONS OF WATER CLOSETS IN 1946

Privy Middens	22
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CINEMAS

The seven Cinemas in the district have been inspected and particular attention paid to the sanitary accommodation. Improvements have been effected in some instances.

SHOPS

According to our records there are 882 shops of different kinds in the district. It has not been possible to inspect all these during the year and much remains to be done if exact compliance with the Acts is to be secured.

It is intended to visit all shops during the present year.

During the year Food Premises have been kept under supervision by your Inspectors and in consequence the undermentioned quantities of foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption. In all instances the food was surrendered to the Inspectors and it was removed from the premises and destroyed.

	Tins
Spam	4
Carrots	2
Luncheon Meat	4
Stewed Steak	28
Steak and Kidney Pudding	4
Tomatoes	3
Milk	112
Salmon	11
Meat and Vegetable	4
Plums	2
Baked Beans	21
Pilchards	9
Peas	11
Jam	1
Crawfish	2
Soup	6
Robinson's Groats	1
Sardines	6
Peas	2
Fruit Cocktail	1
Total	234

	lbs.
Corned Beef	4
Bacon	41 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sausages	7
Butter	86
Cheese	55 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sugar	12
Tea	$\frac{3}{4}$
Sweets	4
Raisins	100
Puffed Wheat	9
Total	<u>319$\frac{3}{4}$</u>

	Packets
Oats	1
Dried Eggs	2
Total	<u>3</u>
Eggs	105

TABLE 1.
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Number Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths.
Smallpox	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	127	113	—
Diphtheria	51	50	5
Enteric Fever	2	1	1
Puerperal Fever	10	9	—
Puerperal Pyrexia			
Cerebro- Spinal Fever	5	4	2
Pneumonia	87	3	34
Erysipelas	15	1	—
Polio-myelitis	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—
Encephalitis Lethargica	—	—	1
Undulant Fever	—	—	—
Measles	78	1	—
Whooping Cough	153	1	1
Dysentery	1	1	—

TABLE 2.
TUBERCULOSIS RETURN FOR 1946.

Age Period.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 and over ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
5 and over ..	1	—	2	5	—	—	2	—
15 and over ..	8	4	3	—	2	2	1	—
25 and over ..	7	4	—	—	10	4	—	1
35 and over ..	1	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
45 and over ..	7	—	—	—	1	1	—	—
55 and over ..	2	1	—	—	4	—	1	—
65 and over ..	—	1	—	—	2	—	—	—
Total ..	26	11	5	6	20	8	4	3
NOT PRIMARY.								
NOT NOTIFIED.								
Cases included above ..	—	—	—	—	4	1	4	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

SMALLPOX.

No cases occurred in the district during the year but many contacts, mostly troops returned from the Far and Middle East, were visited.

ENTERIC FEVER.

Two cases were notified with one death.

DIPHTHERIA.

There was a rise in the notifications this year. Fifty-one cases were notified compared to forty-three during 1945. There were five deaths from this disease.

CEREBRO SPINAL FEVER.

Five cases were notified with two deaths. The previous year's figures were five cases with one death.

MEASLES.

There was a great decrease in the notifications this year; 78 compared with 1311 the previous year. There were no fatal cases.

WHOOPING COUGH.

153 cases were notified, exactly the same number as the previous year. There was one death from the disease this year compared with four the previous year.

SCARLET FEVER.

127 cases were notified compared with 204 the previous year. No deaths occurred.

The staffing position at the four infectious diseases hospitals was similar to the previous year, but owing to the low incidence of Scarlet Fever beds were always available, and certain cases of measles and whooping cough with complications were admitted.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATIONS.

	Age under 5 years	Age 5 years and over, but under 15.	Total number of children given a secondary or reinforcing injection.	Total
Number of children (including temporary residents) who com- pleted the full course of immuni- sation in the Author- ity's area between 1st January and 31st December, 1946	1105	973	1746	3824

TABLE 3.

TREATMENT CENTRE, POOLSBROOK

Number of cases, 1,782.

SCABIES.

	Adults.	5-15.	Under 5.	Total.
Chesterfield R.D.C.	471	209	112	792
Clay Cross U.D.C.	40	17	10	67
Clowne R.D.C.	146	72	40	258
Dronfield U.D.C.	9	3	2	14
Staveley U.D.C.	211	78	48	337
Totals	877	379	212	1468

HEAD LICE.

Chesterfield R.D.C.	8	(7)	96	(84)	24	(23)	128	(114)
Clay Cross U.D.C.			4	(4)			4	(4)
Clowne R.D.C.	7	(6)	26	(22)	5	(4)	38	(32)
Dronfield U.D.C.			4	(4)			4	(4)
Staveley U.D.C.	5	(4)	32	(25)	3	(3)	40	(32)
Totals	20	(17)	162	(139)	32	(30)	214	(186)

SCABIES, with Verminous Heads.

Chesterfield R.D.C.	25	(21)	74	(54)	22	(14)	121	(89)
Clay Clay U.D.C.	6	(3)	11	(9)	1	(1)	18	(13)
Clowne R.D.C.	3	(2)	18	(14)	2	(1)	23	(17)
Dronfield U.D.C.								
Staveley U.D.C.	5	(3)	17	(13)	1	(1)	23	(17)
Totals	39	(29)	120	(90)	26	(17)	185	(136)

ADD 59 cases diagnosis *not* confirmed.
 30 .. miscellaneous.
 2 .. Ped. Corporis (Chesterfield, adults).
 9 .. Pubis. (5 Chesterfield, 1 Clowne, 3 Staveley —
 all adults).

100

NOTE:—The numbers in brackets refer to those on whom live lice were found.

TREATMENT CENTRE, POOLSBROOK

During 1946, 1782 people attended the centre. 1468 cases of scabies were treated, 214 cases of verminous heads and 100 cases were examined not falling into either of the above categories.

The figures are lower than for the previous year. Scabies shows a drop of 286 cases and 120 fewer cases were treated for verminous heads. The latter figure would be very gratifying if one could assume from it that it indicated there were fewer people suffering from head infestation, but I do not feel that this is the case. It may be that fewer cases have been discovered and sent for treatment. The assumption that there is no real decrease tends to be borne out by the fact that on examination of cases sent up for scabies treatment there is an increased percentage of persons with infested heads. This applies to all age groups.

The following table shows the comparison between the two years.

Percentage of cases sent as scabies and found to have verminous heads.

		1945. Percentage.	1946. Percentage.
All ages		10.8	12.5
Adults		3.6	4.4
Age 5—15		23.4	31.7
Age under 5		12	12.2

It will be noted that the biggest increase is in the age group 5—15. It is very difficult to account for this increase and to give any feasible explanation. One can make many conjectures but none seem really to fit. It is obvious, however, that there must be a large number of the age group 5—15 infested even if allowances are made, and it can be accepted that the group sent for scabies treatment does not represent a fair cross section of the population. If the percentage is cut by 50% there still remains 15% of the 5—15 age group infested, which is far too high a figure.

TABLE 4.

TABLE SHOWING BIRTH, DEATH RATES AND INFANT MORTALITY FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year.	Birth Rate per 1,000 Living.	Death Rate per 1,000 Living.	Infant Death Rate per 1,000 live births.
1946	20.44	10.28	41.80
1945	18.83	10.41	42.98
1944	22.26	9.09	36.25
1943	20.14	11.14	42.9
1942	18.97	9.65	30.9
1941	18.58	10.96	46.0
1940	16.85	11.63	46.97
1939	19.11	10.76	47.2
1938	17.37	10.58	42.55
1937	14.59	10.89	60.28
1936	14.49	11.53	88.68

TABLE 5.

BIRTH RATES, CIVILIAN DEATH RATES, ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY AND CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE YEAR 1946. PROVISIONAL FIGURES BASED ON WEEKLY AND QUARTERLY RETURNS.

	England and Wales	126 County Boro's and Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns (Resident Populations 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	London Administrative County	Chesterfield R.D.C.
Rates per 1,000 Civilian Population					
Births—					
Live	19.1	22.2	21.3	21.5	20.44
Still	0.53	0.67	0.59	0.54	0.56
Deaths—					
All Causes	11.5	12.7	11.7	12.7	10.28
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01
Scarlet Fever	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Whooping Cough	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.01
Diphtheria	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.06
Influenza	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.12	0.18
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Notifications—					
Typhoid Fever	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Paratyphoid Fever	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.06
Scarlet Fever	1.38	1.51	1.33	1.42	1.75
Whooping Cough	2.28	2.48	2.05	2.22	2.10
Diphtheria	0.28	0.32	0.31	0.24	0.70
Erysipelas	0.22	0.25	0.22	0.27	0.20
Smallpox	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Measles	3.92	4.73	3.70	7.35	1.07
Pneumonia	0.89	1.02	0.74	0.75	1.19
Rates per 1,000 Live Births.					
Deaths under 1 year of age	43	46	37	41	41
Deaths from Diarrhoea and Enteritis under 2 yrs. of age	4.4	6.1	2.8	4.2	1.34
Rates per 1,000 Total Births (Live and Still). Notifications :—					
Puerperal Fever	8.50	10.35	7.63	1.62	6.56
Puerperal Pyrexia				9.68	

TABLE 6.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

	No. on Register.	Inspections made.	Notices Served.	Nuisances abated with or without notice.
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	643	65	2	13
Bakehouses	38	38	—	—
*Slaughter-houses ..	41	3	—	—
Offensive Trades ..	1	2	—	—
Common Lodging Houses	1	1	—	—
 TOTAL ..	 724	 109	 2	 13

* Includes 2 knacker's premises.

TABLE 7.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

SUMMARY OF WORK OF THE SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

	No. of inspections made by Sanitary Inspector.	No. of Nuisances in respect of which Notices were Served.		No. of Nuisances abated with or without notice.
		Informal.	Legal.	
Closets and Ashpits—				
Defective Privies, Pail Closets and Ashpits (not for conversion) ..	390	66	88	57
Conversion of Privies into W.C.'s	95	22	—	22
Conversion of Pail Closets into W.C.'s	—	—	—	—
Conversion of Privies into Pail Closets	—	—	—	—
Defective Water Closets ..	226	46	43	66
Provision of additional W.C.'s	1	—	—	1
Provision of Portable Ashbins	914	264	1	649
Dirty Closets	3	1	—	2
Drainage—				
No disconnection of waste pipe	—	—	—	—
Defective waste pipe, Traps, Inlets & Drains ..	655	62	46	127
Drains obstructed ..	259	80	25	127
Other Defects—				
Paving of Courts and Yards	55	3	24	3
Roofs, Eaves-Spouts and Downspouts	441	99	139	133
Sinks	29	3	9	8
Insufficient Ventilation ..	3	1	—	3
Windows	81	13	26	28
Dampness	125	18	42	17
Water in Cellars	51	9	6	11
Water Supply	631	4	47	7
Overcrowding	3	—	—	—
Foul Condition of Houses	134	51	—	54
Offensive Accumulations	6	2	—	4
Animals improperly kept	7	1	—	5
Pigsties	13	—	—	1
Smoke Nuisances	15	2	2	3
Urinals	2	—	—	2
Nuisances not specified above	910	146	323	333
TOTAL	5048	893	821 *	1663

No. of visits to Infectious Disease cases, 218.

*Note the actual number of separate Notices served was 389.

TABLE 8.

FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

Inspections of Factories, Workshops and Workplaces.

Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors.

Premises. (1)	Number of		
	Inspection. (2)	Written Notices. (3)	Occupiers prosecuted (4)
Factories (including Factory Laundries)	27	4	—
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	10	—	—
Workshops (other than Outworkers' premises)	11	—	—
Total	48	4	—

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919.**INFESTATION ORDER, S.R. & O. No. 680, 1943.**

Forty complaints have been made by the public during the year and these necessitated 125 visits by your Inspectors to secure the satisfactory elimination of the infestations.

Apart from the receipt of complaints, action is taken in all cases where infestations are discovered during the performance of other duties.

All the Council's sewage works and the Council's refuse tips are kept under observation for infestations and the action taken on these premises has resulted in an estimated kill of 1,155 rats.

Two part time rat catchers have been employed. Trapping, gassing, arsenic and zinc phosphide has been used in accordance with the Ministry of Food technique.



